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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tyagi *et al.*

Application No.: 10/687,402

Examiner: Fernandez, Susan Emily

Filed: October 16, 2003

Art Unit: 1651

For: A SCREENING METHOD FOR DEVELOPING DRUGS
AGAINST PATHOGENIC MICROBES HAVING TWO-
COMPONENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE

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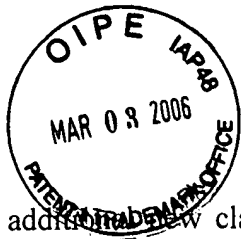
Sir:

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action dated August 29, 2005,
please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request a three
month extension of time up to and including February 28, 2006 and enclose the required
fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). Applicants also submit herewith payment for

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additional claims, as well as a Notice of Appeal, together with the required fee.

Further, it has come to the attention of Applicants that the amount of payment submitted in connection with the Response submitted May 27, 2005 was incorrect. Payment for the two month extension of time should have totaled \$450.00, the fee required for a large entity. Applicants respectfully request correction of this error; the amount of the difference, \$225.00, is enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 12.